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Strikers Return To Work on Two U. S. Buildings

A. F. L. Official Plays Local Union Heads As 'Irresponsible'

For the first time in weeks, construction workers reported for rush-schedule duty at the new Social Security and Railroad Retirement Buildings today unhampered by strikes and interunion strife, following a bitter attack against local building trades union leadership by John P. Coyne, president of the American Federation of Labor building trades department.

In announcing a compromise agreement ending a plasterers' walk-out—the last of a series of labor difficulties at the project to be settled—Mr. Coyne late yesterday branded the plasterers' action as an "outlaw" strike and charged "irresponsible leadership" with blame for the waste of jurisdictional disputes among Washington construction unions.

Approximately 225 plasterers returned to their jobs today after promising they would be a party to no more A. F. L. family quarrels, at least until the two national defense structures are finished. The stepped-up construction program for the buildings already has been shoved six weeks behind schedule by a series of labor troubles.

Mr. Coyne, who as chief of the A. F. L. building trades department has the job of advising local A. F. L. construction unions, expressed the opinion that Washington agents of these unions have been sitting in on too many "Washington conferences" and were beginning to consider themselves "pretty smart." The "epidemic" of District strikes is a result of this "irresponsible leadership," he declared.

Mr. Coyne credited Dan W. Tracy, assistant secretary of labor, and Joseph Keenan, former president of the Chicago Building Trades Council and at present a special representative of the National Defense Commission, with settlement of the plasterers' strike, adding pointedly that no credit should go to local union heads.

Weed Control Experiment Will Start on Monday

A series of weed-control experiments will be started Monday in National Capital Parks, aimed at what officials termed the "pestiferous and ubiquitous" crab grass, broad-leaf plantain and other intruders on park lawns.

Areas in Dupont Circle, Palisades Playground, Lincoln Memorial Plaza, Columbia Island, West Potomac Park and the Lee and Remond Center will be treated, officials said today. A single application of arsenic acid solution will be used in the experiment. If necessary, the treatment will be repeated next spring.

Park officials said that the use of acid spray would kill the weeds, leaving the areas brown temporarily. The true grass roots, however, will not be affected and the elimination of the wild plants will enable the good grasses to stage a comeback.

This weed-control work is part of the five-year turf experimental program now being conducted in the National Capital Parks under the direction of Dr. John Monteith, director greens section, United States Golf Association. He has been appointed collaborator-at-large with the National Park Service.

President of U. F. W. A. Assails Miss Perkins

Charging that Secretary of Labor Perkins had refused to approve "promotions from within" policy throughout the Labor Department and had nullified such a plan set up by individual bureaus, Jacob Baker, president of the United Federal Workers of America, said yesterday the cabinet officer "has placed herself in the untenable position of contributing toward the break-down of the principles of collective bargaining and sound labor policy."

Saying the union, a C. I. O. affiliate, is "at loss to understand the attitude of the Secretary," the statement added that "whether she is bored with her job, disturbed by ten public attacks that have been made upon her, or lacking in understanding of collective bargaining itself, we do not know."

Reserve Officers' Unit Organized by Marines

The Gen. Smedley D. Butler Base of the recently authorized Marine Corps Reserve Officers' Association was formed last night by Washington Marine officers.

Maj. William W. Stickney was elected base commander, Capt. R. B. Burdard, executive officer, and Pay Clerk Theodore Edwards, adjutant and finance officer.

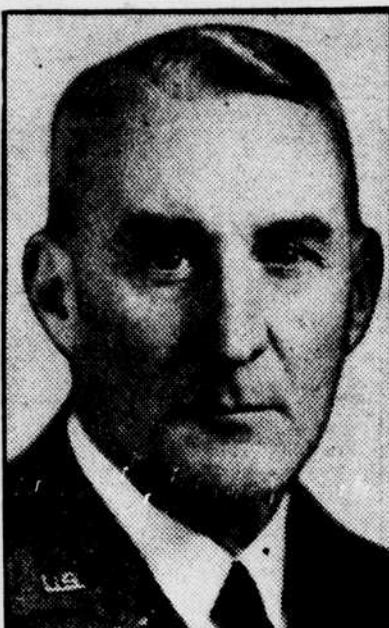
It was voted to keep the charter open until November 10, the 165th anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps in Philadelphia. The next meeting of the unit will be held on that date at 458 Indiana avenue N.W.

Lt. Gen. Embick Coming To Capital to Live

Due to retire from the Army in October because of the statutory age limit, Lt. Gen. Stanley D. Embick will return here to live, the commander of the 3d Army and the 4th Corps Area announced yesterday.

During the last two years Gen. Embick has been 3d Army and 4th Corps Area commander, succeeding Maj. Gen. George Van Horn Moseley. His successor has not been announced by the War Department.

During his 45 years in the Army he was stationed here several years ago as deputy chief of staff. His command of the 4th Corps Area includes all the Southern States except Arkansas, Texas and Virginia.



NEW COMMANDANT—Col. William W. Gordon will take over his new duties as commandant of Fort Myer on September 1. Col. Gordon, formerly attached to the Inspector General's office in Boston, will succeed Col. George Patton, who is now commanding mechanized troops of the armored corps at Fort Benning, Ga.

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Commissioners Hail New Budget Policy In Letter to Smith

Express Profound Appreciation for Wider Latitude

The District Commissioners today formally advised the Budget Bureau of their accord with the bureau's policy designed to end the minute control over the District's appropriations and legislation exercised by the bureau over the past 19 years.

In a letter to Budget Director Harold D. Smith, the city heads said that they wish to express to him their "profound appreciation of the broad minded and logical manner in which you have approached the consideration of this subject and for the sound conclusions reached by you."

Earlier the bureau had announced it would confine its consideration of the District budget and District legislation to broad policy supervision and protection of national interests, placing responsibility on the Commissioners for the details of municipal operation. Hitherto the Commissioners have been content to let the bureau handle the details of the District's budget and legislation.

Meanwhile the move of Representative Kennedy, Democrat, of Maryland to have the House act Monday on his bill to reorganize the District government appeared to be stymied.

Neither House Majority Leader Rayburn nor Chairman Randolph of the District Committee would definitely the measure would not be called up, but both of them declared it is "controversial." And it has been the policy of the House in the last several months not to consider local legislation which might lead to a prolonged debate.

Representative Kennedy had planned to seek action on the bill Monday as a result of the decision of the Federal Budget Bureau in regard to the local budget.

Roosevelt Opposed Plan. President Roosevelt had opposed Mr. Kennedy's reorganization plan because he feared the Federal Government would lose control over District finances. Mr. Randolph, Representative Rayburn said afterward, would divorce the Budget Bureau from handling the budget estimates of the Commissioners.

Mr. Kennedy said he believed the move of the Budget Bureau reorganized the President's objection to his reorganization bill and paved the way for its consideration in the House. The measure has been on the House calendar for several months, having been favorably reported by the full District Committee.

Mr. Kennedy's sudden revival of his reorganization bill resulted in the action yesterday between Mr. Rayburn and Mr. Randolph. Representative Rayburn said afterward Mr. Randolph could call it up Monday, which is "District Day" in the House. But Mr. Randolph declined to discuss his plan.

Leaves for West Virginia. Shortly after the conference with Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Randolph left for West Virginia, where he has a number of speaking engagements over the week end. He intends, however, to return to Washington by Monday to direct the course of District legislation on the House floor.

Several minor local bills are expected to be called up. One of these would permit police and firemen to live in any area outside the District within 12 miles of the boundary line. Existing law requires them to live within 12 miles of the Capitol.

Man Struck by Train In Serious Condition

Henry Weldon Gardner, 19, of 2205 Channing street N.E., struck by a Pennsylvania Railroad train as he walked across the tracks at New York avenue and Bladensburg road N.E. yesterday morning, was reported "still in serious condition" at Casualty Hospital today.

He is being treated for a fractured left arm, severe cuts and possible internal injuries.

Mrs. Dyer Given Divorce

ROCKVILLE, Md., Aug. 9 (Special).—An absolute divorce from Joseph Edwin Dyer of Washington has been granted to Mrs. Margaret Joyce Dyer of Chevy Chase by Judge Steadman Prescott in Circuit Court. Desertion was charged. They were married in Washington on June 26, 1918, and have a daughter and a son. Albert M. Bouie of Rockville was Mrs. Dyer's attorney.

Derby Champ Packs for Trip To Akron Finals

Bill Jennings Ready To Make Bid for National Title

By GEORGE HADDOCK Relaxation is something Bill Jennings, Washington's 1940 Soap Box Derby champion, doesn't expect to experience again until next Monday.

For Bill is living in suspense, waiting for Sunday and his part in the running of the All-American Soap Box Derby at Akron, Ohio. Today Bill was packing and unpacking and packing again in preparation for tomorrow and his departure by airplane for Akron.

The Washington champion and his mother, Mrs. Marion P. Workman, of Elgin lane, Bannockburn Heights, Md., will take a Pennsylvania Airlines plane at 8:40 a. m. tomorrow at Washington Airport, and land in Akron at 11 a. m., just in time to have lunch and leave for Derby Downs, where Bill and the other Derby city champions are scheduled to make trial runs with their homemade coaster cars.

To Race on Sunday. Bill will race on Sunday, in competition with Soap Box Derby winners from approximately 130 other cities from all over the United States, for the first prize and the title of All-American Soap Box Derby champion.

First prize at Akron includes a diamond-set gold medal, a gold-finish trophy, and most important of all, a four-year college scholarship to the State university of the champion's choosing.

Washington's champ says he is "ready to go," and fervently hopes he'll win. Stuff, his ultra-streamlined white racer, is in excellent condition, and already is in Akron, having been shipped there a week ago.

Bill wants to be an aeronautical engineer, so the college scholarship looks good to him.

Auto for Second Prize. The boy who wins second prize at Akron will receive a new 1940 special deluxe Chevrolet coach, a gold-finish trophy and a ruby-set silver medal.

Official Soap Box Derby midget motor cars will be awarded to the third and fourth-place winners. Each of them also will receive a gold-finish trophy and a sapphire-set bronze medal will go as an additional third prize and a plain bronze medal as fourth prize.

Winners of fifth and sixth prizes will receive gold-finish trophies and bronze medals.

Four special awards include the C. F. Kettering Trophy for the best-designed car and trophies for the winner of the fastest heat during the day, the builder of the best-upholstered car and the builder of the best-designed brakes. To determine the time on each heat, the officials have installed a new electric-eye camera and timing device.

Every boy who competes will receive some award at the banquet following the race. Bill and the other champions will receive a driver's diploma and a gold watch with wrist watch bearing the Soap Box Derby emblem. Street and racing costumes will be provided for each contender and will be given to the boys as souvenirs.

Thousands of Derby fans watch the coaster races every year and a record crowd is expected this year at the specially built course outside of Akron.

Two major radio networks, the Columbia Broadcasting System and the Mutual Broadcasting System, will broadcast a half-hour program at 4:30 p. m. August 11. Ted Husing, nationally famous radio sports commentator, will handle the finals broadcast for C. B. S.

Bill and his mother, who will go to Akron as guests of The Star, will stay at the Mayflower Hotel, center of Derby activities in the town which annually turns over everything to the boy champions. The Washington champ will return home late Sunday night.

Line to Continue Lower Fares for U. S. Workers

The United States Lines Co. has filed a statement announcing continuance of the 50 per cent reduction in fares for Government employees and members of their immediate families for the second savings of the passenger liners Washington and Manhattan in their intercoastal service, it was announced yesterday by the United States Maritime Commission.

The tariff permits the rate reduction on the sailing of the Washington from New York August 30 and the sailing of the Manhattan from New York September 14. The Washington will arrive in San Francisco September 14, leave San Francisco September 17 and arrive back in New York on October 1. The Manhattan will arrive in San Francisco September 28, leave San Francisco October 2 and arrive back in New York October 16.

Worker, Planning to Wed In Fall, Killed on Job

The death of Henry D. Lemmond, 28-year-old sheet-metal worker electrocuted while working on the new Social Security Building Wednesday, paid a tragic end to a five-month-old romance that was to have culminated in marriage in October, it was learned today.

The bride-to-be was Miss Ruth Girard, leave clerk with the Farm Security Administration who lives at 1910 Sixteenth street N.W. Mr. Lemmond lived next door, at 1912 Sixteenth street N.W.

The accident which killed Mr. Lemmond occurred on the sixth floor of the structure when the worker came into contact with live wires. Burial will be in Charlotte, N. C.



AIR VIEW OF TEMPLE HEIGHTS—This site, shown from the air, is the magnificent 10-acre tract of land in the heart of the Kalorama Heights section, known as Temple Heights. Purchased by the Grand Lodge of Masons to house the Masonic National Memorial, never realized, a syndicate has taken an option on land for real estate development.

Move for Educational Institution Rejected By Zoning Board

Ten Other Appeals For Variations From Restrictions Approved

The Board of Zoning Adjustment yesterday denied an appeal by Nora K. Zell to establish an educational institution for the Congregation of the Holy Ghost and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 1615 Manchester lane N.W. in a residential restricted area.

At the same time the board approved 10 other appeals for variations from zoning restrictions. Those approved were the appeals of:

Mary Fitzgerald to change a luncheon room to a grocery, delicatessen and luncheon at 601 Second street S.W.

Franklin E. Allison to add a one-story garage to 4930 Butterworth Hope road S.E.

Carrie D. Baumann to extend and enclose a one-story side porch at 1805 Lawrence street N.E.

J. Frank Campbell to establish a parking lot in rear of 1300 Good Hope road S.E.

Mrs. Frank Wright to use 1321-25 Naylor court N.W. as storage for unglazed steel bar sash.

Clarence A. Brandes to change a grocery store to a cleaning and laundry agency at 2001 First street N.W.

Samuel, Sidney and Rena Zlotnick for structural alterations to the apartment building at 616-618 Twelfth street N.W.

Donald S. Nash for structural alterations to the apartment at 704 Third street N.W.

Leonard L. and Dorothy Tucker to enclose part of rear porch at 4314 Fessenden street N.W.

Frederick R. Gibbs to remodel a dwelling and store into apartments at 2729-33 O street N.W.

Round-World Trip on Freighter Led to 'Ferdinand the Bull'

Author of Famous Story Speaks to 600 at Maryland U.

But for a youth's consuming desire "to find out what makes people tick" that hero of millions of old and young alike, "Ferdinand the Bull," might never have been created.

Munro Leaf, former Washingtonian and a graduate of the University of Maryland, today said it was this curiosity that led him into the field of writing where he produced the now famous peace-loving animal.

Perched atop a desk in the administration offices of his alma mater, where he had come to address more than 600 boys and girls attending the twenty-second annual 4-H Club week, Mr. Leaf told the story behind "Ferdinand."

"In college I always had a great curiosity to find out what makes people 'tick,' so when I finished school I beat around the world on a freighter, observing the people of various countries and mentally jotting down my observations."

"I finally was offered an opportunity to enter a publishing company in New York, and did a bit of writing, bringing into my stories the observations I had made during my travels and attempting to weave into them some moral, particularly some point that would be beneficial to children."

"It was while I was doing this that 'Ferdinand' was created. I was at home in New York at the time and one Sunday afternoon I just sat down at my typewriter, began to bang the keys and out came 'Ferdinand.'"

Mr. Leaf said he had never thought of "Ferdinand" until the moment he started to write, and that, unlike most writers, he had no plot already prepared when he began to evolve the famous bull which preferred to sit and smell the flowers to fighting.

"The creation of Ferdinand took exactly 35 minutes—from the time I began to write until he was ready for the publisher," the author added.

Another Work on Way. Mr. Leaf, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Leaf of 4707 Connecticut avenue, now 34 years old and a resident of Greenwich, Conn., has written several popular sellers since he penned "Ferdinand" in 1936.

He revealed that another of his works, "John Henry David," will be published in September.

"It's the story of a kid who likes to play baseball and do other things that normal youngsters do and at the same time likes to think. It's designed to convey to children the stupidity of the idea many kids have that to be strong is to be tough. It's meant to teach them that they can be strong and big and still be kind."

Mr. Leaf, who was born in the little town of Hamilton, Md., now a part of Baltimore, lived most of his life in Washington. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1927 and subsequently entered Harvard University in search of his master's degree in English.

Taught in Prep School. He left Harvard, however, before obtaining his degree and taught in preparatory school for three years and then accepted a position with the F. A. Stokes Publishing Co., of which he is now a director.

Leaf, who is married, has four children and lives with his wife and children at College Park campus. He talked primarily of traffic safety, and told his audience, "Use your own good 'horse sense' and strive to promote it."

"One of the main difficulties in promoting traffic safety is the dull aspect of safety rules. Then, too, there is a human streak in all of us that tempts us to do the 'dons' instead of the prescribed 'dos.' However, if you use your own good 'horse sense' you'll get along all right."

It was Mr. Leaf's first visit to the College Park campus he left 13 years ago.

Burglars Land in Jail Because They Talked Too Much on the Job

Debate Over What They Should Take Awakens Occupant

Thanks to a loud discussion last night as to what articles in a supposedly unoccupied house at 6326 Sixteenth street N.W. should be stolen, three would-be burglars are in police custody.

Their debate awoke Harold Park, 26, who had gone to bed early because of a cold. Mr. Park, sleeping in his rear upstairs bedroom, was roused about 9 p. m. by voices down stairs.

He thought his younger brother might have brought in some friends, so he went back to sleep. Once again the voices awakened him. This time they came from the next room—his sister's room. Knowing something was amiss Mr. Park eased barefoot to the wall and listened.

Police Act Quickly. "Let's take this," an unfamiliar male voice said.

"No, there isn't room in the suit case," replied another man.

"How about this?" suggested a third stranger.

When he had heard enough to convince him the burglars were at work, Mr. Park slipped on his bathrobe, picked up his wallet and pattered silently down the back stairs. He crossed the lawn to a neighbor's residence and telephoned police.

Patrol cars pulled up in front of the house within a few minutes. Policemen Wilbur L. Sherer, C. F. Bradley, L. D. Peyton and P. G. Dawson swiftly surrounded the Park residence, entered front and rear doors.

\$200 Loot Found in Bag. The prowlers were rounded up; one was under a table, one in a closet on the second floor, the other attempting to hide in a corner.

Mr. Park's Gladstone bag—apparently the suit case the intruders were filling while they debated what its contents should be—was found \$200 worth of jewelry and several articles of clothing.

Mr. Park, who is employed by the Park Transfer Co., owned by his father, William A. Park, said today that his cold isn't much better.

"Maybe it's because of walking around in my bare feet," he explained. "Or perhaps it's because my rest was disturbed."

The three men, all with prison records according to police, were being held for investigation. One was released from an Atlanta Federal penitentiary recently. Another just completed a stay at Lorton Reformatory. All three are taciturn today.

"We talked too much last night," one commented.

Dr. Mann in Hospital For Malaria Treatment

Dr. William M. Mann, director of the Zoo, has been admitted to Naval Hospital for treatment of malaria contracted while leading the Smithsonian-Firestone animal-collecting expedition in Liberia.

Physicians said Dr. Mann was not dangerously ill, but was in need of treatment and rest. It was not known how long he would be confined to the hospital.

PROGRAM. "King of the Highway," Gen. R. J. Burt, U. S. A. Overture, "Militaire," Mendelssohn Entr'acte, "Springtime in Chinatown," Benton "Song of the Volga Boatmen" (Russian folk song) Scenes from the opera, "Don Cesar de Bazan," Massenet Trombone novelties, "St. Vitus Dance," Holmes "Slick Slide," Huffer (Entire trombone section) Valse petite, "Valse Triste," Sibelius Finale, "The Ironmaster," Peter Buys "The Star Spangled Banner."

Temple Heights Option Taken By Syndicate

\$12,000,000 Building Program Planned On 10-Acre Tract

Temple Heights, the famous 10-acre tract of land at Connecticut and Florida avenues, is up for sale in a private transaction involving close to a million dollars.

Owned by the Grand Lodge of Masons, Temple Heights—known as Temple Hill and the old Dean Estate—is the last great undeveloped piece of property close to the center of the downtown area.

A syndicate headed by Roy C. Thurman, for many years managing director of the National Library Foundation, has taken a 180-day option on the tract, with the privilege of another 180-day renewal. Needham C. Turnage, grand master of Masons, who negotiated the deal, revealed today that there is a proviso in the contract which boosts the purchase price \$1,000 a month after the expiration of the first option. It is understood that the option went into effect yesterday.

May Spend \$12,000,000. Mr. Thurman, who has severed his connection with the National Library Foundation, said last night that there is no doubt the deal will go through. He said the men who organized the syndicate plan to spend nearly \$12,000,000 in developing Temple Heights.

Without going into detail, Mr. Thurman hinted that the 10-acre tract would house a hotel, several apartment houses, post-and-shop centers, a motion picture theater, garages, an auditorium, an athletic center and other projects.

Since 1922, Temple Heights has been in the hands of the Grand Lodge of Masons. It was bought from the heirs of the Dean estate for the purpose of building a national Masonic memorial. This would have been known as the United Masonic Temple. A \$2,000,000 was raised for the project but it was never erected. The design called for a great group of buildings, each symbolic of an arm of Masonry, such as the Scottish Rite Cathedral, the Temple of the Commandery—home of the ancient Knight Templar—and the Royal Arch Mason, representing those who had passed the seven degrees on the way to the Royal Crown.

In the last 25 years two names have been applied to this tract of land: Temple Hill and Temple Heights but it has also been called the old Dean Estate.

Flanked by Developments. The Dean Estate—more than 10 acres in the heart of Washington's old residential district—is one of the famous tracts in the city. It is bounded by Columbia road and Connecticut avenue on the west, Florida avenue on the south, and Nineteenth street on the east, the northern flank skirted by apartment houses and private residences.

In 1936 Congress considered the purchase of part of this property for conversion into a public park. The Citizens' Advisory Council had recognized the desirability of the tract and the reasonableness of the price at which it could be bought.

An area of 109,964 square feet—the northeast corner of Florida and Connecticut avenue—had been offered at a price not to exceed \$313,916. Since then, the property is within the boundaries of the Kalorama Citizens' Association, its two delegates to the Federation of Citizens' Association started the move to acquire the property for public use but the plan has faltered.

The old Dean Estate was the home of Mills Dean, once a prominent lawyer in Washington. Previously, the place was owned by Thomas P. Morgan, a former Commissioner of the District, whose grandson of the same name is now prominent in civic affairs. Previous to the Morgan occupation, the house had been lived in by the Steinmetz family and before that by the course family, under whose auspices it was built. This is according to the best recollection of local historians.

Oak Supplies Legend. Around the Dean Estate has grown a well-known legend. It is the story of the Treaty Oak, a tree that still stands on the premises and is believed to be almost three hundred years old.

According to the story, Chief Manacasset of the Anacostia tribe grew weary of the life on the river flats and selected a site on a northern hill, far away from the river front, where his wigwam was erected. A young and powerful oak spread its branches near the site and an eminece. From this point the chief had an extended view of the surrounding country—long before the city of Washington was planned.

On the wargone one day the chief brought back a number of captives. Among these were a young mother and her daughter. With the tom-toms thumping, the beautiful American woman was given a proposal of matrimony by the chief. She spurned him. The chief ordered her put to death. Then he relented, spared her life, but decreed that she should not wander farther than the shade of the oak which overspread the tepee in which she lived.

Gray When Set Free. All her life, then, she lived under the spreading boughs of the oak tree with her daughter. After the death of Chief Manacasset, the land was sold to white men and the mother, then aged and gray, was set free with her daughter. Several homes have been offered her, so legend has it, but she remained true to the tree and stayed.

When the site was selected for the Capitol, the story says, the original city fathers are said to have decided to her a tract of ground 17 acres in extent, which they called "the widow's mite." Even to this time, property surrounding the Dean Estate and the estate itself, traces its deeds back to a place called "the widow's mite."

In the realm of fantasy is also the tale that George Washington, wanted to erect the Capitol of the United States on the site known as Temple Heights—but the widow refused the offer.

Traffic Record The traffic record as revealed at police headquarters for 24-hour period ending at 8 a. m. today:

Fatalities, none. Accidents, 31. Motorists injured, 2. Motorists arrested, 317. Pedestrians injured, 3. Pedestrians arrested for violation of pedestrian control regulations, 4.